

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of the Chinatown, Dogtown, Elysian Park area, I strongly oppose the gondola project (LA ART). When conducting the upcoming traffic study, consider how we want our community to grow in the future. Are we nothing more than a freeway to transport people from distant places to Dodger Stadium? Or a vibrant community of our own right? The Gondola Project is built on the flawed assumption that 50,000 fans should be able to teleport to the stadium for an event at exactly the same time. There is NO method of transportation that can dump 50,000 people to a single location at once. Instead, let's consider that a vibrant neighborhood exists around Dodger Stadium (which it does). If the stadium were more connected to the surrounding neighborhood on foot, people will come before the event, visit local vendors, experience the neighborhood, and linger long after the game. This is what happens with great connected ballparks like Fenway Park in Boston and Wrigley Field in Chicago, which build wealth for the entire neighborhood. A true problem-solving approach would consider how to improve the accessibility of the stadium by public transportation by connecting the stadium to the surrounding neighborhood. What if Vin Scully Ave was closed to private cars before the games? Busses could access the stadium and the remaining road could be converted into a street fair with local vendors and popups. Why not make this change permanent? Could the current bus routes be expanded to have more stops in the surrounding neighborhood as a way to build wealth for the whole community? How can we connect the stadium to other neighborhoods like Lincoln Heights? What other bus routes could expand the locations that fans could linger before and after games? The gondola project isn't a path to a better tomorrow. It's a bypass.